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Note verbale dated 25 September 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) and has the honour to submit the report of the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the steps it has taken with a view to implementing relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 1803 (2008) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 25 September 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Zagreb, September 15, 2008

Report of the Republic of Croatia to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) on the national compliance with resolution 1803 (2008)

Legislative framework

The fundamental act regulating the introduction, implementation and abolishment of international restrictive measures is the Act on International Restrictive Measures (OG 178/04). Pursuant to Article 2 of the Act, Croatia shall introduce, implement or abolish international restrictive measures against states, international organizations, territorial entities, movements or legal and natural persons: (a) in order to implement international legally binding decisions of the United Nations, (b) upon alignment with restrictive measures of other international organizations, (c) in other cases according to international law.

Restrictive measures imposed by the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions are implemented further to obligations assumed on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations, as an international treaty which, pursuant to the provisions of article 140 of the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, is considered to be part of the internal legal order of the Republic of Croatia and above domestic law in terms of legal effects.

The Republic of Croatia adopted relevant national legal measures for the implementation of resolutions 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007) and 1803 (2008). Decisions on the introduction of international restrictive measures, their type, manner of implementation and abolishment are adopted by the Government of the Republic of Croatia and published in the Official Gazette.

Governmental decisions on the implementation of these resolutions include related annexes with complete lists of individuals, companies, financial institutions and commodities which are subject of restrictions.

Croatia shares the objectives of and regularly aligns itself with the EU common positions and declarations in the area of the Common Foreign and Security Policy concerning restrictive measures, when so invited by the EU. The legal basis for the implementation of these measures is provided for in the Act on International Restrictive Measures.

Institutional framework

Interagency Working Group for Monitoring the Implementation of International Restrictive Measures was established pursuant to the Act on International Restrictive Measures, as a permanent working group, composed of representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, the Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Justice and the

Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure. The task of this Interagency Group is to make proposals for and monitor the implementation of the restrictive measures.

Depending on the type and content of international restrictive measures, relevant ministries and institutions are responsible for their implementation:

- carrying out the embargo on import and export of military and dual-use goods lies within the competence of the Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship in cooperation with interagency groups (Commission for the Issuing of Export and Import Licenses for Armament Items for Commercial Use; Commission for the Issuing of Export Licenses for Dual-use Goods);
- permission for persons to enter and transit through Croatia is the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior, i.e., Border Police, and of the diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Republic of Croatia abroad;
- freezing of assets and property lies within the competence of the Ministry of Finance, State Attorney's Office and courts, in cooperation with financial institutions;
- particular attention has been attached to all financial transactions related to restrictive and catch-all trade with Iran.